

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 34-36 remain pending in this application. Claims 20-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new claims have been added.

Claim Objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 20-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is submitted that the amendments to claims 34-36 overcome the Examiner's outstanding objections.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 20-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stimson et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,114) in view of Reese (U.S. Patent No. 4,969,183) and Walker (5,825,863). These rejections are rendered moot by their cancellation without prejudice or disclaimer..

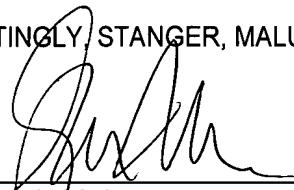
Claim 34 has been rewritten in independent form. This claim has also been amended to overcome the 112 rejections of previously pending claim 20. Therefore, these claims more clearly define the present invention and a patentable over the art of record. It is noted that claim 34 was not previously rejected based upon prior art.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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